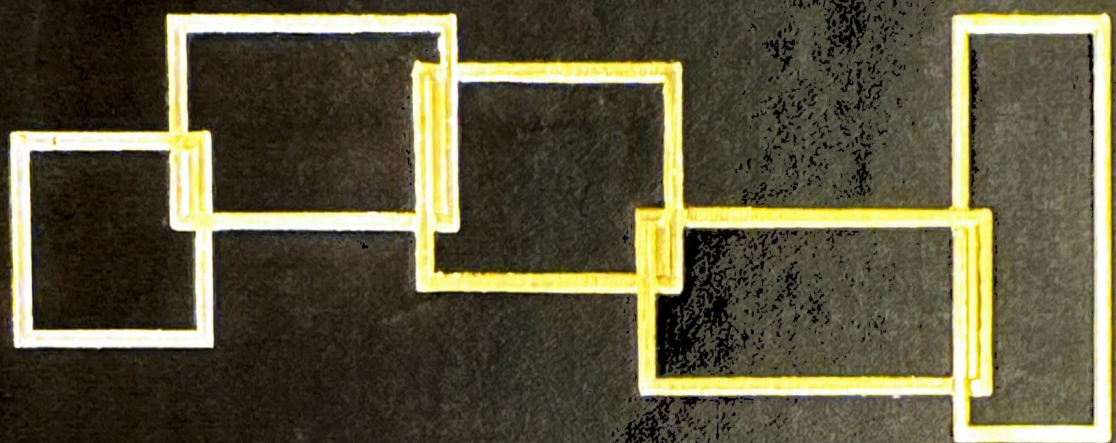
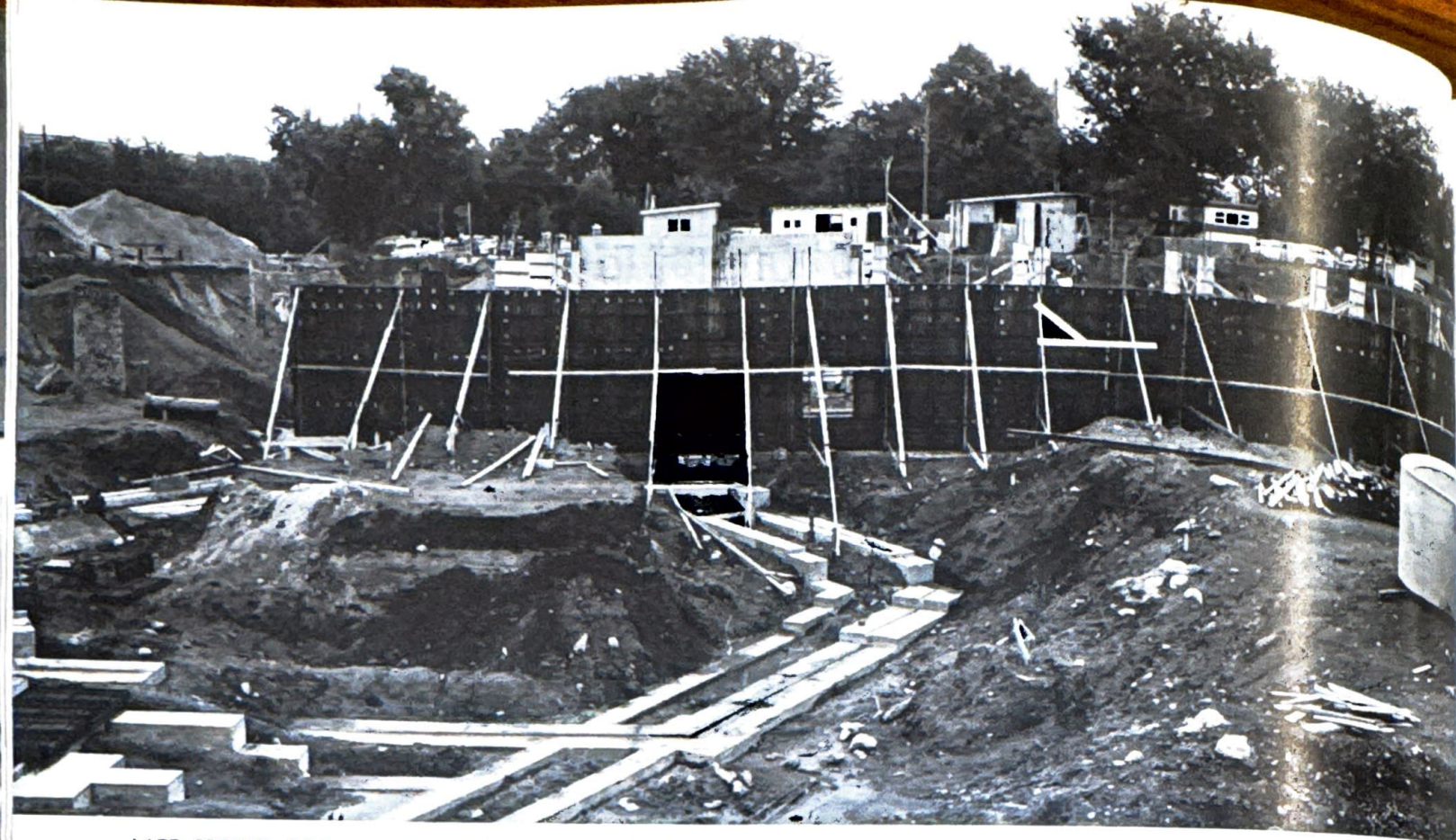




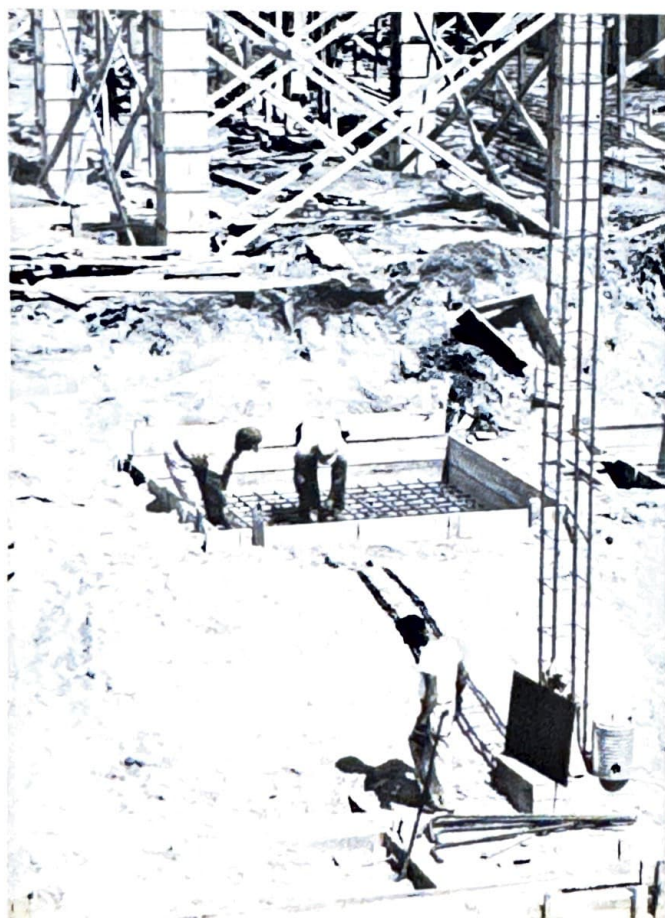
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LATE SPRING, 1961, saw these first beginnings of the newest University campus on the west bank of the Mississippi River.

West Bank Campus Towers Across River

THE HOLES were dug and the building skeletons went up.

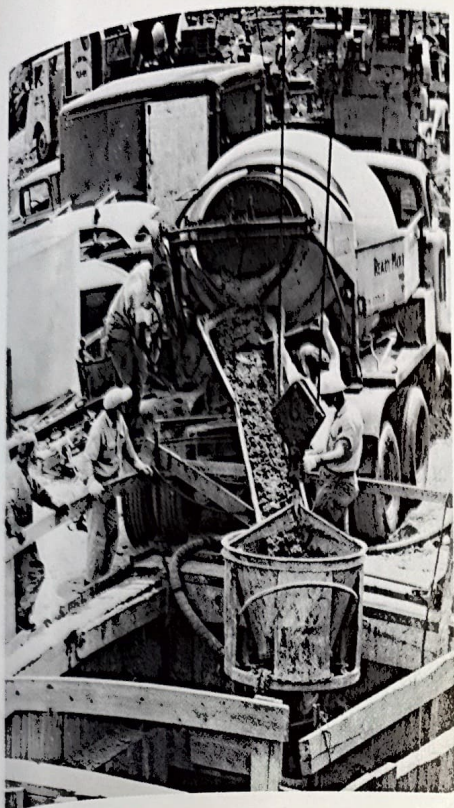


The long planned and much talked about West Bank Campus of the U of M has finally begun to take shape. With space at a premium, tower buildings will be a common sight on the West Bank. The fifteen floored SLA Tower will have conference and office space for 460 faculty and students, while a similar thirteen floored School of Business Administration has capacity for 400.

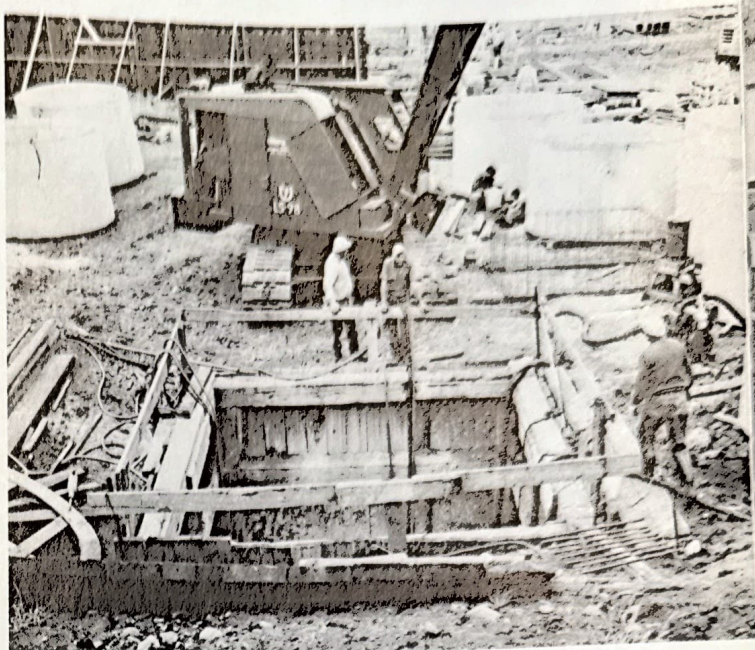
Many of the classroom designs have been adapted from Harvard University. Horseshoe-shaped and hexagonal patterned classrooms will be used for the larger lecture classes. The smaller classrooms with seating capacity of about 65 will have an informal atmosphere of a seminar. This atmosphere will be created by the horseshoe shape with elevated rows in an amphitheater fashion. The pivoting chairs will allow class discussion to flow in any direction. Each classroom building will have a special area on each floor where students and faculty can meet for advisory conferences or activities.

The three buildings under the first phase of the planned construction include the SLA Tower, the School of Business Administration, and a classroom building. These three will be in a central location and will adjoin a future library and other instructional buildings.

The heating of the buildings will still remain under the present heating plant. But the students may face a cold walk over to the West Bank with no immediate plans for a covered bridge construction.

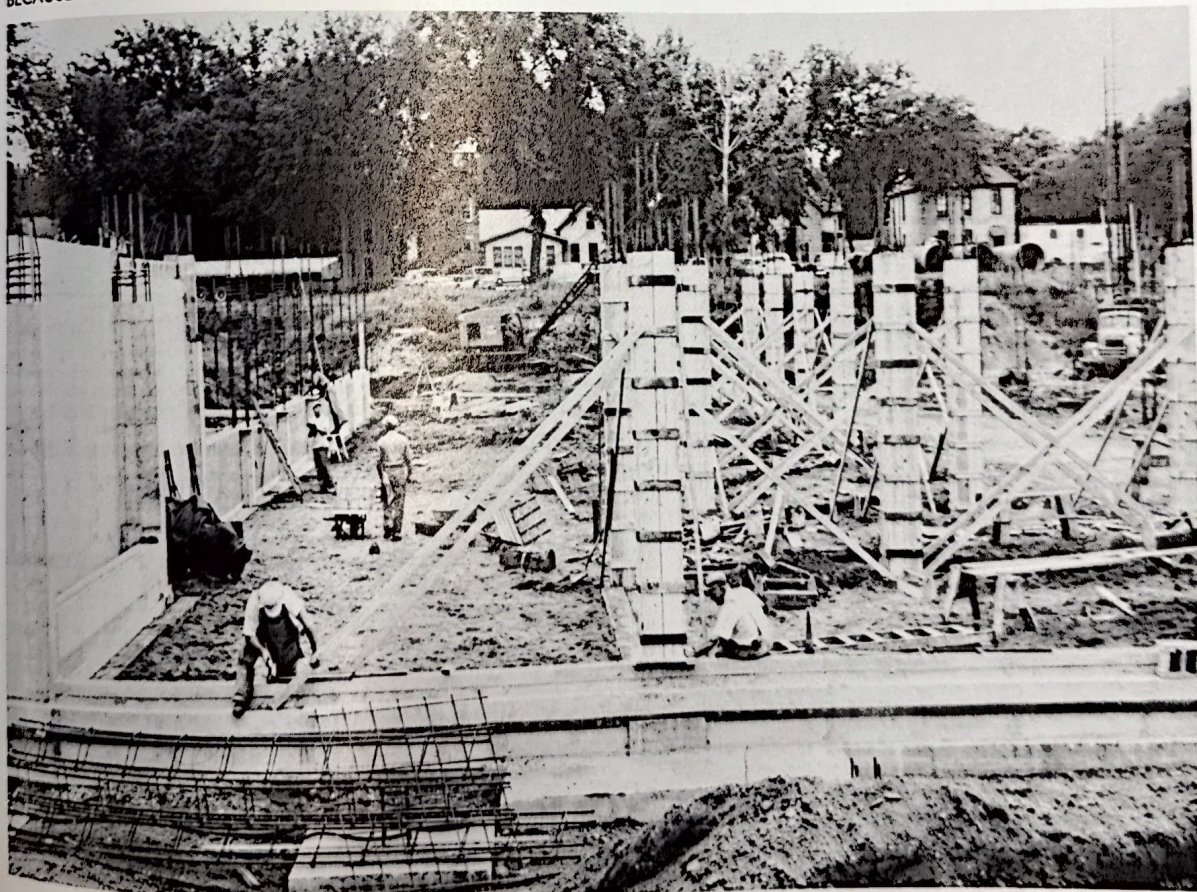


AND THE MEN worked on throughout the summer.



TWO OFFICE buildings and a classroom are being built.

BECAUSE SPACE is at a premium, the buildings are going up and not out. Two of the buildings will be 13 and 15 stories.





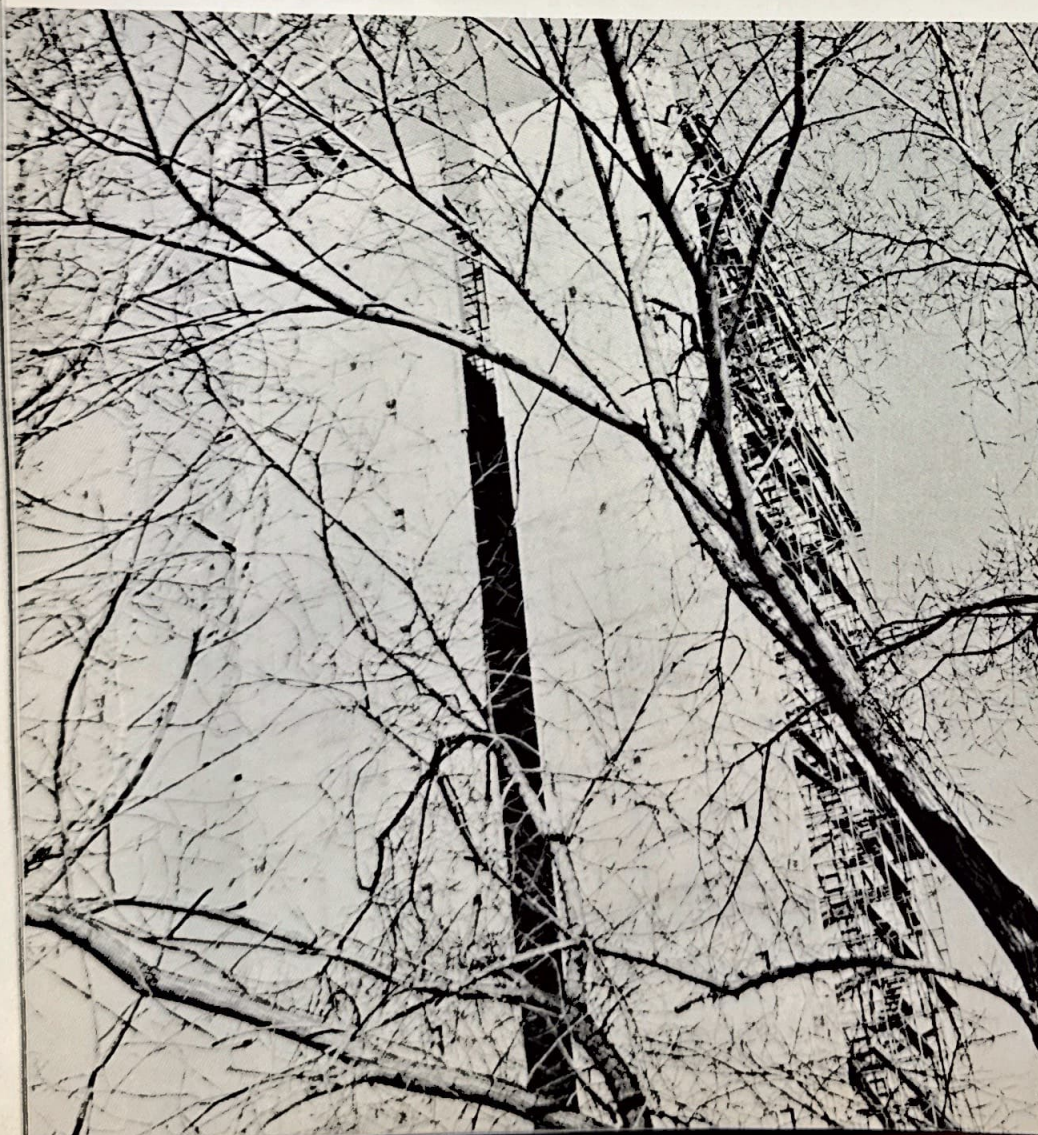
A FORGOTTEN REMNANT from the old parking lot past.



West Bank



WITH SPACE AT A GREAT PREMIUM,
West Bank buildings soar upward.



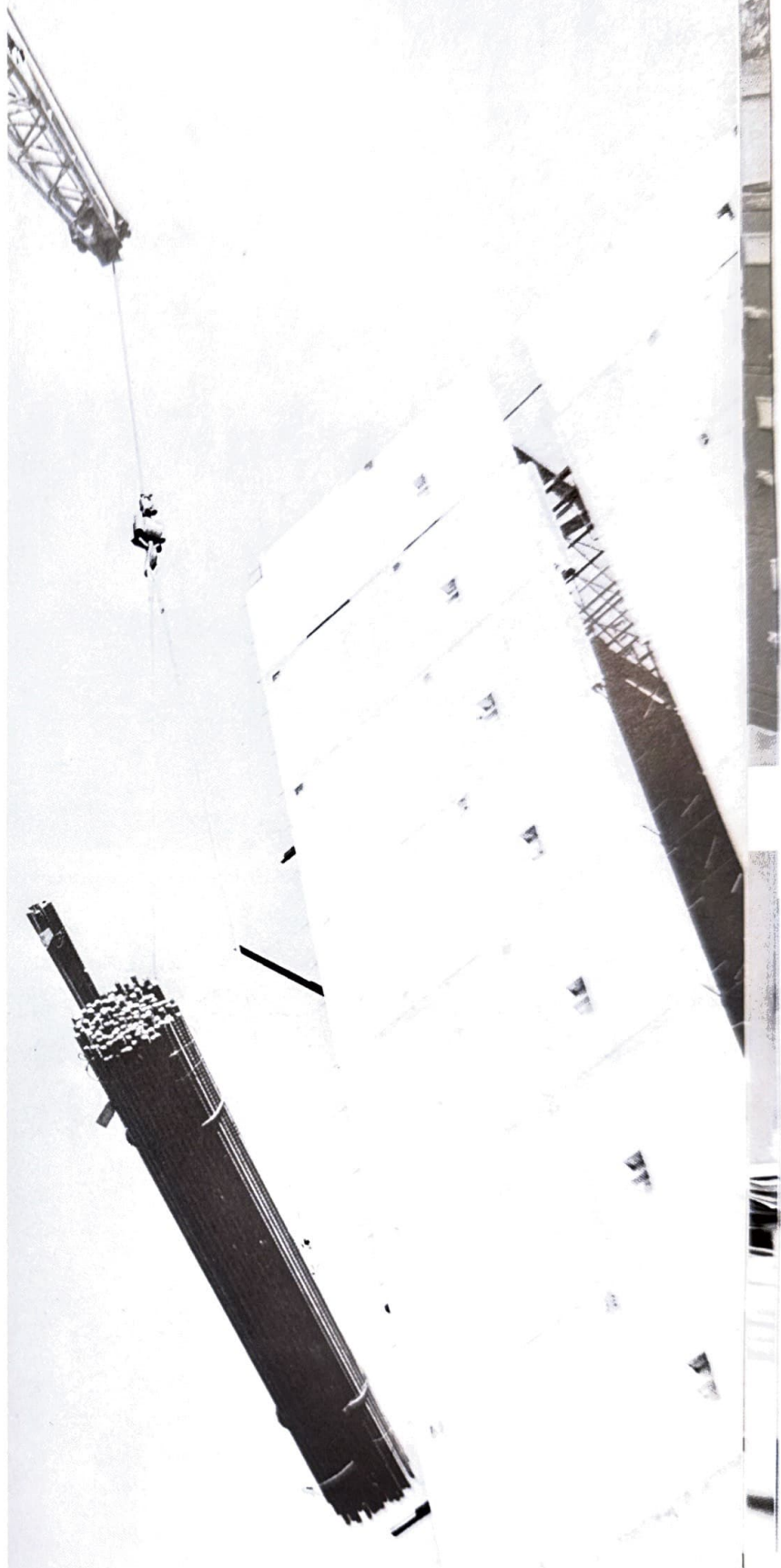


EARLY CONSTRUCTION silhouetted by steel framework.

FOUNDATIONS LAID for educational opportunities to extend to generations of students to come.



CEMENT AND STEEL provide strong support for the building's structure.

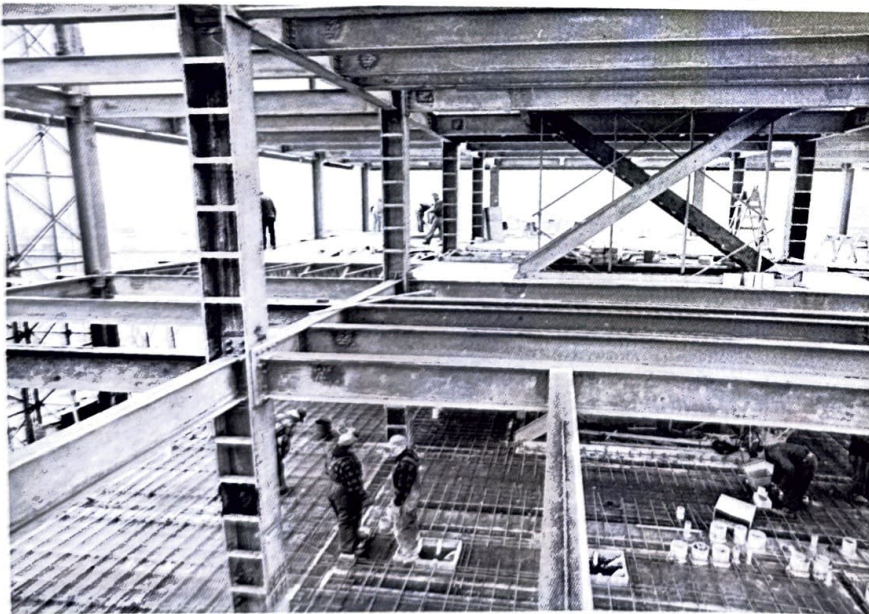


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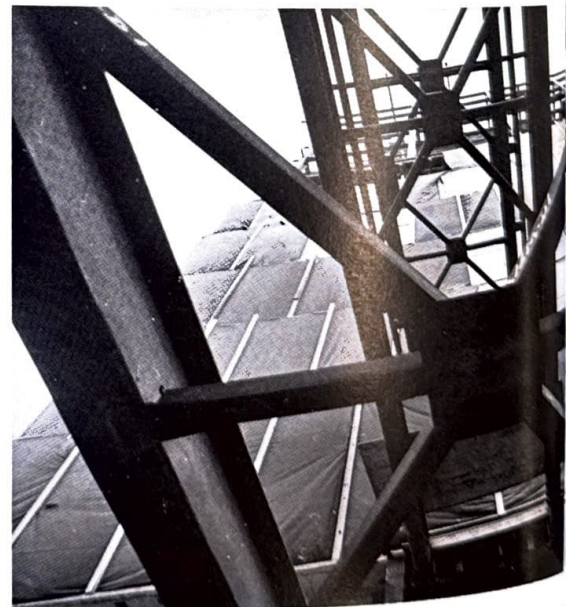


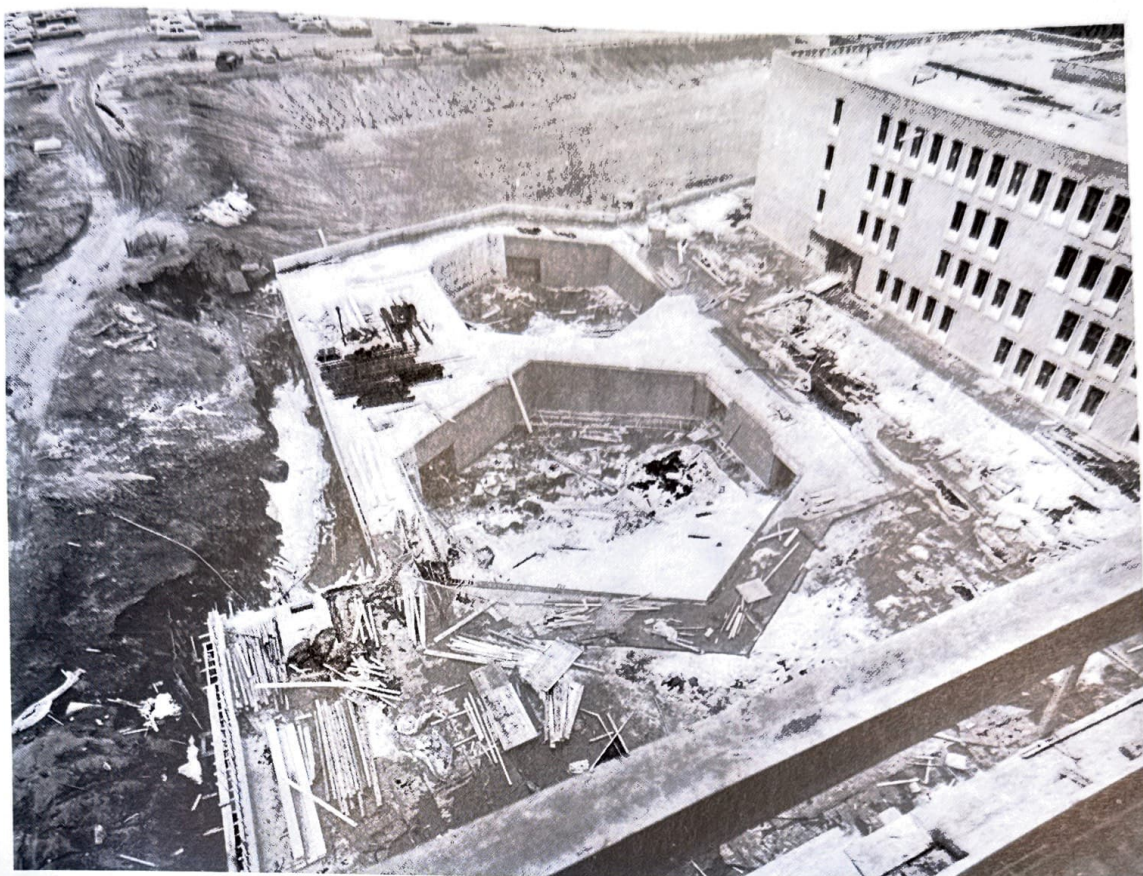
WITH THE SKYLINE OF MINNEAPOLIS in the background, these two men labor on the construction 15-stories above the ground.

WORKMEN are busy on all floors of the new buildings daily.



WINDBREAKS are essential for winter work.





THE CONSTRUCTION for the foundation of the hexagonal - shaped buildings had just started.

THE NEW CAMPUS forms a silhouette in the sky with the bare trees reflected in the water.

